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SUBJ: GOB FLOUR PURCHASE PROBLEM

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1. MORNING LA PAZ DAILY PRESENCIA HAS CARRIED STORIES REGARDING INFESTED FLOUR. STORAIES ARE CONFUSED ON DETAILS INDICATING THAT REMAINING SHIPMENT OF FLOUR IN NEW YORK RATHER THAN MOBILE AND ACCUSING SHIPPERS OF SENDING BOLIVIA FLOUR THAT WAS ORIGINALLY TURNED DOWN BY "CONTINENTAL CHINA.". MAIN CONCLUSION TO BE DRAWN FROM STORIES IS THAT QUESTION OF FLOUR'S SUITABILITY REMAINS ACTIVE PUBLIC ISSUE. RESOLUTION OF QUESTION NOW COMPLICATED BY CABINET CHANGES WHICH HAS RESULTED IN COMPLETE TURNOVER OF PERSONNEL DEALING WITH PROBLEM

2. SINCE STEVENSON LINE SHIP NEDON STILL STALLED IN MOBILE WITH DEMURRAGE COSTS MOUNTING FOR ONE OF PARTIES, POSSIBLY GOB, EMBASSY REQUESTS ANSWER TO FOLLOWING GENERAL QUESTIONS SO THAT WE CAN ORIENT GOB OFFICIALS:

A. DOES USDA OR OTHER U.S. AUTHORITY GENERALLY TEST QUALITY OF
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FLOUR EXPORTS AND/OR ISSUE CERTIFICATES?

B. GOB-ADM CONTRACT REQUIRES THAT PRODUCT CONFIRM WITH U.S. FOOD, DRUG AND COSMETICS ACT. DOES THIS PROVISION GIVE BUYER PROTECTION ON QUALITY OF FLOUR AND WHAT ARE MEANS OF MAKING DETERMINATION UNDER LAW?

C. IN NORMAL INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL PRACTICE, WHEN DOES BUYER BECOME OWNER OF PRODUCT? GOB-ADM CONTRACT PROVIDES FOR SHIPMENT FAS BUT GOB HAS HELD UP ISSUANCE OF BILL OF LADING ON S.S. NEDON CARGO

AND ORDERED ALL CONSULATES NOT RPT NOT TO ISSUE CONSULAR INVOICE AS WAYS OF PREVENTING PAYMENT OF LETTER OF CREDIT.

D. MINISTRY OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THEY HAVE SENT FOUR CABLES TO BOLIVIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, INCLUDING REQUEST FOR USDA TO CERTIFY THAT FLOUR FIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. EMBASSY REPORTEDLY HAS NOT REPLIED. COULD USDA MAKE SUCH A CHECK?

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM INSURER THAT FIRST TWO SHIPS SOUTHWALL AND ARIZONA HAVE UNLOADED AND LEFT ARICA NOV 10 AND 11. THERE MAY STILL BE SOME LOCAL REACTION TO ENTRANCE OF THIS FLOUR INTO COUNTRY AND IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE COULD ISSUE CERTIFICATE REGARDING NEDON CARGO WHICH WOULD HAVE FAVORABLE EFFECT ON ACCEPTABILITY OF COMPANION SHIPMENT.

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